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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN ALLEGATION ON ALGERIAN ARMS PURCHASES FROM CHINA

REF: TUNIS 4037

1. TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA'S STATEMENT (PARA 6 REF) TO EFFECT THAT ALGERIANS HAVE "ALREADY PURCHASED ARMS FROM CHINA" IS ASSESSED BY US AS FALSE, WHETHER DELIBERATELY SO OR AS A RESULT OF NOUIRA HAVG BEEN MISINFORMED.

2. SINCE ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1962, ALL RPT ALL LETHAL ARMAMENTS ACQUIRED BY THE ALGERIAN MILITARY HAVE COME FROM THE USSR. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT THERE IS ANOTHER NEW, MAJOR ARMS DEAL WITH THE USSR IN THE OFFING. N ADDITION, WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF THE ALGERIANS SEEKING ARMS ELSEWHERE, NOTABLY FROM FRANCE AND FROM SWEDEN, BUT WE HAVE NO INDICATTION THAT CHINA IS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN ARMAMENTS
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3. SOME SIX MONTHS AGO EMBOFF DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH CHINSE MILITARY ATTACHE HERE. LATTER SAID FIRMLY THAT CHINA INVOLVED IN NO ARMS SUPPLY TO ALGERIA, AND HAD NO INTENTION OF BECOMING SO INVOLVED. WHILE IT CONCEIVABLE THAT THIS POLICY HAS CHANGED IN THE INTERIM, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THIS IS THE CASE.PARKER

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